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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kirchner et al )  
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For: OPERATOR SENSING CIRCUIT FOR DISABLING ) Anjan K. Deb  
MOTOR OF POWER EQUIPMENT )

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**ELECTION OF INVENTION**

Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction mailed May 5, 2005, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-6, and 14-16, drawn to an operator sensing circuit and method comprising a capacitor discharge range that is effective to distinguish between the presence of an operator's hand and foreign material on the gripping surface for avoiding a false hands-on signal.

Respectfully submitted,

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